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**FROM**

**THE  
DESK  
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THE  
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What a wonderful annual meeting last month! Thank you to Larry Taylor, PRP, president of the hosting unit, Cascadia e-Unit, and helpers, for such a well planned meeting in a great location with good and abundant food. Thank you to Alice Bartelt, PRP, for serving as president for another term these past two years and for presiding over the 52nd OAP Annual Meeting in her relaxed, yet professional style. We completed business matters and also enjoyed three workshops and an NAP update by District Director Yvette Keese, PRP. It was a good day!

Thank you for electing me as your newest president. Elsewhere in this newsletter is the complete list of newly-elected officers and the newly-elected

nominating committee. With each new term of office there are new committee appointments. I'm deeply grateful to those who have voluntarily come forward and offered their time and service. THANK YOU! There are a couple committees that still need a chair. I hope that when you see the list, elsewhere in this newsletter, you will consider taking up the role of committee chair or committee member.

The 2020-2022 Roster and Bylaws booklet is nearly complete. It will be ready for distribution after one more unit election. The roster will be sent by email in mid or late May to all OAP members and affiliate members. As the roster (yearbook) contains personal information of all members and affiliates, it will not be available on our website. I will mail a hard copy to anyone who cannot print a copy; just let me know.

Early planning for our next annual meeting will be included in the business of the May board of directors meeting. The units have traditionally hosted the meeting in rotation. If my information is correct, Tualatin Valley Unit hosted in 2017, Rose City Unit hosted in 2018, Mt Hood Unit hosted in 2019, and Cascadia e-Unit hosted this year. By this schedule it

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OAP Website: <http://www.oregonap.org/>

OAP on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/OregonAP>

OAP on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OregonAP>

OAP Meetup Group <http://www.meetup.com/Oregon-Association-of-Parliamentarians/>

*(President's message, continued from page 1)*

appears that our host for 2021 will be TVU. All our units are struggling with membership. The board will work closely with TVU to help manage the work.

I look forward to attending your unit meetings during my two-year term, beginning in the fall. I also look forward to attending/representing the Oregon Association of Parliamentarians at the NAP training conference in San Antonio later this year, and the biennial meeting in Atlanta in 2021.

Beverly Przybylski, OAP President

Deadline for articles in the next issue of ***The Oregon Agenda*** is August 15, 2020.

Email articles to [OAP Editor](#)

### **OAP BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

**BY PATRICIA GETCHELL, PRP-R**

#### **BYLAWS/PROCEDURE MANUAL COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Two bylaws amendments were adopted during the March 2020 OAP Annual Meeting.

**Article IV: Dues, Fees, and Finances, Section 3.**

**Payments.** Checks for payment of items over one hundred dollars (\$100) require two (2) authorized signatures.

Section 3 was struck out completely.

**Article IV: Dues, Fees, and Finances, Section 5. Audit, subsection B.** The annual audit of the treasurer's records shall be presented to the May meeting of the Board of Directors for approval, and published in the next *The Oregon Agenda*.

The word "annual" was amended to "biennial" and now reads, *The biennial audit of the treasurer's records shall be presented to the May meeting of the Board of Directors for approval, and published in the next The Oregon Agenda.*

The updated bylaws will be available in the next OAP Roster and Bylaws and uploaded to the OAP website at <https://www.oregonap.org/>.

## **UNIT REPORTS**

**Cascadia eUnit** completed its first full year of operation. It currently has six members, three affiliate members, and a large contingent of prospective members.

The unit meets monthly, with each meeting accompanied with training sessions. Training topics for the past quarter were Subsidiary Motions, What Are In Minutes, Amending Bylaws, and The Use of Unanimous Consent.

Larry Taylor, President

The current pandemic is forcing the **Mt Hood Unit** into the 21st century. Not a bad thing.

On April 16th, MHU held its first Zoom meeting with all six members in attendance - a 50% increase over most meetings. Annual elections at this meeting resulted in re-election of all four incumbents:

President—Tad Davis

Vice-President—Alice Bartelt

Secretary—Elaine Carlson

Treasurer—Peggy Long

The next monthly meeting will be on Wed, May 20th, 1:00 p.m. The agenda will include modifying the standing rules to allow online meetings and a change of date and time for the regular monthly meetings. We are considering meeting every month of the year instead of taking the summer off.

The program for the rest of 2020 will be from the Registered Parliamentarian (RP) Study Guide, specifically from chapter 4 at the May meeting.

Tad Davis, President

**Rose City Unit** hopes everyone is staying safe and healthy. The unit has been meeting on Zoom (a virtual online meeting platform). Bev Przybylski experimented and tailored a program on Parliamentary Practice for online learning at the April meeting. The Nominating Committee met and presented a slate which will be voted at the annual meeting in May.

Tina Penman, President

**Tualatin Valley Unit** cancelled the March meeting. We are deciding if we want electronic meetings.

Wyn Bowler, President

## NAP--THE KEEPERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS

BY LARRY TAYLOR, PRP, OAP VICE-PRESIDENT

The tagline of NAP President Darlene Allen is “NAP - The Keepers of the Democratic Process.” It embodies the essence of why parliamentarians are important in democracies. The connection between parliamentarians and democracy appears again in the preamble of the NAP Code of Ethics, where it states “As guardians of parliamentary procedure, we play a vital role in the preservation of a democratic society.”

The word democracy is derived from the Greek words “demos” and “kratos” - “demos” meaning “people” and “kratos” meaning power. The body of knowledge known as parliamentary principles describes how people manage their power - how much they retain and how much they allocate to others.

What is meant when democracy is referenced today? The term democracy has become a catch-all word with multiple meanings. Astra Taylor’s book “Democracy May Not Exist but We’ll Miss It When It’s Gone” is an excellent exploration of the meanings of democracy and its relationship to freedom and equality. Consent of the people is what distinguishes democracy from autocracy in whatever form that it manifests itself.

The relationship between democracy and parliamentary procedure existed from the inception of the United States. The creation of the United States, as agreed upon in the Second Continental Congress, was grounded in the ideas of democracy that were prevalent during the Age of Enlightenment (1715-1789). Today’s *Robert’s*

*Rules of Order* has direct lineage to this period. Jefferson and Franklin lived in Europe and attended the salons during this age where the concepts of modern democracy were developed. General Robert used the *Manual of Parliamentary Practice* that Jefferson wrote for the U.S. Senate as one of his sources for his rules of order.

We as parliamentarians have a special responsibility to safeguard democracy in whatever situation we encounter, and certainly in an official capacity. Few people in this age have time to understand their member rights by comprehending both parliamentary procedure and their bylaws. When we are used in the role of parliamentarian, they trust us to safeguard their rights. The Code of Ethics for Parliamentarians states in section 4.3, “Advise the client on the proper application of the accepted rules of parliamentary procedure notwithstanding the client's personal desires in the matter.” Parliamentarians who violate the code of ethics by bending or misinterpreting bylaws or rules of order to empower an organization’s leadership and the disenfranchise the membership that they serve inflicts grave damage to democracy.

It is important that parliamentarians not get lost in the minutia of parliamentary procedure, forgetting to keep uppermost in their minds the concepts of democracy as it applies to the situations in which they arbitrate.

### **Congratulations to Oregon Association of Parliamentarians 2020-2022 Elected Officers**

President Beverly Przybylski, PRP  
Vice-President Lawrence Taylor, PRP  
Secretary Keri Capen  
Treasurer Paul Belz-Templeman, PRP

**Appointed Officer**  
Parliamentarian Alice Bartelt, PRP

### **Congratulations to Members Elected to the Nominating Committee at the 2020 Annual Meeting**

Alice Bartelt, PRP - Mt Hood Unit  
Paul Belz-Templeman, PRP - Cascadia e-Unit  
Jeffrey Weston - Rose City Unit  
Wyn Bowler - Tualatin Valley Unit (alternate)  
Alice Bartelt, PRP will serve as chair

## OAP COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2020-2022

### **Budget/Finance**

Patricia Getchell, PRP-R, chair

*Vacant*

Treasurer Paul Belz-Templeman, PRP, advisor

### **Bylaws/Procedure Manual**

Jeff Weston, chair

Parliamentarian Alice Bartelt, PRP

### **Annual Meeting**

Wyn Bowler, Coordinator

Treasurer Paul Belz-Templeman, PRP

Parliamentarian Alice Bartelt, PRP

### **Education**

Vice-President Lawrence Taylor, PRP, chair

### **Historian**

Teresa Stone, PRP, CP-T, chair

### **Membership**

Vice-President Lawrence Taylor, PRP, chair

### **Publicity/Public Relations**

*Vacant*

### **State Publication**

Beverly Przybylski, PRP, chair

### **Yearbook**

Beverly Przybylski, PRP, chair

Secretary Keri Capen

Treasurer Paul Belz-Templeman, PRP

### **Youth Committee**

Beth McQueston, chair

### **Website Committee**

*Vacant*

Thanks to several members stepping forward to volunteer to chair a committee there are not too many vacancies, however, there are some. Please consider serving in one of the following:

- As the second member on the budget/finance committee. According to the procedure manual, two members are appointed by the president, one of which will serve as chair. The treasurer shall serve as advisor.
- As chair of the Publicity/Public Relations Committee.
- As webmaster.

## **EDUCATION REPORT**

**BY LARRY TAYLOR, PRP, OAP VICE-PRESIDENT**

The role of vice-president has the accompanying responsibilities of chairing two committees - Education and Membership.

The activities of the two committees could be closely related. The Procedure Manual asks the Membership Committee to develop plans and programs to gain new members and students. The OAP bylaws tasks the Education Committee with 1) developing education programs, and 2) the promotion and conducting of education events. If OAP did a great job at education, then the organization should see a surge in membership.

The following information would be helpful in developing plans for the Education Committee:

- What are past education activities sponsored by OAP that worked well?
- What is successful in units in other parts of the country, especially those with high growth rates?
- What does the public need?

I propose that the next few months be spent developing plans for both internal and external education, which would be deployed in subsequent months.

I would be delighted to have anyone join the committees, especially if you have insight into any of the three classes of information listed above. If this activity interests you, please send an email to me at:

[lawrence.d.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:lawrence.d.taylor@gmail.com).

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Annual Financial Report  
December 1, 2018 - November 30, 2019

**BEGINNING BALANCE DECEMBER 1, 2018**

	<u><b>\$4,126.75</b></u>		<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>2019S</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		<b>Notes</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Dues	\$970.00		\$680.00	\$120.00
Annual Meeting (2019)	\$840.00		\$720.00	
Dividend	\$2.44			
Unfunded			\$1,680.00	
Columbia Threadneedle closed	\$7,330.07			
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u><b>\$9,142.51</b></u>		<u><b>\$3,080.00</b></u>	<u><b>\$120.00</b></u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Annual Meeting expenses	( <b>\$446.40</b> )		( <b>\$720.00</b> )	
Committees				
Board Meeting			( <b>\$150.00</b> )	
Meetup	( <b>\$193.74</b> )		( <b>\$200.00</b> )	
Website hosting	( <b>\$155.09</b> )		( <b>\$50.00</b> )	
Other			( <b>\$1,100.00</b> )	
Donation (NAP brick)	( <b>\$365.00</b> )			
Dues - Nonprofit Assoc/Oregon			( <b>\$35.00</b> )	
Gifts			( <b>\$25.00</b> )	
Office Expenses	( <b>\$10.83</b> )	1		
President's Travel			( <b>\$500.00</b> )	
Raymond James (investment)	( <b>\$7,704.21</b> )			
Miscellaneous				( <b>\$120.00</b> )
Scholarship			( <b>\$300.00</b> )	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u><b>(\$8,875.27)</b></u>		<u><b>(\$3,080.00)</b></u>	<u><b>(\$120.00)</b></u>

**ENDING BALANCE NOVEMBER 30, 2019**

**\$4,393.99**

**MEMBER SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

**\$5.00**

**RAYMOND JAMES INVESTMENTS**

**\$7,704.63**

**Notes**

First column represents actual income & expenses for fiscal year

2018-2019 represents the adopted budget April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019

2019S represents a short budget year from April 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019

1 - this was a 2018 expense that was missed in the last annual report

**Next OAP Board Meeting  
to be held on Zoom  
Monday, May 11, 6:00 p.m.**

**Log-in information will be emailed**

**Members of the board are:**

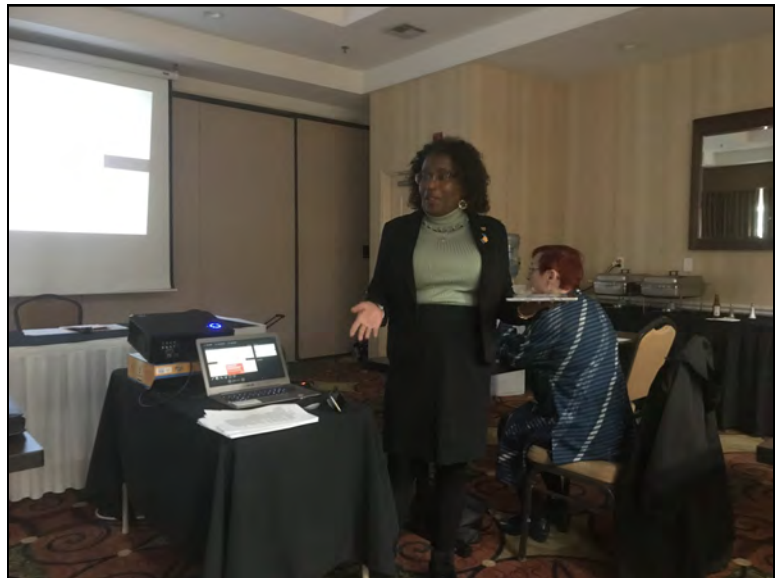
**Elected/appointed OAP officers**

**OAP standing committee chairs**

**OAP nominating committee chair**

**Unit presidents or alternates**

**OAP 52ND ANNUAL MEETING**



Clockwise from above: OAP President Alice Bartelt, PRP and District Director Yvette Keesee, PRP; OAP President Alice Bartelt, PRP presiding during the meeting; District Director Yvette Keesee, PRP presenting her workshop and the NAP update; Newly elected officers from the left: Treasurer Paul Belz-Templeman, PRP; Secretary Keri Capen; Vice-President Lawrence Taylor, PRP; President Beverly Przybylski, PRP.